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Without the Law
Mr. Jewell, president of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor and chief promoter of the shopmen's walk-out, said boastfully last Saturday: "The United States Labor Board no longer has any jurisdiction over our affairs."

The Labor Board has now taken him exactly at his word. If he has cut loose from it, it has also cut loose from him.

The board's power to enforce its decisions is limited. It cannot compel obedience. But it can refuse to do business with labor organizations or railroad managements which defy its judgments.

The action taken against the recalcitrant unions is wholesome and will be heartily supported by public opinion. The Esch-Cummins act seeks to end an intolerable situation. The public must have uninterrupted transportation.

The power behind the law is public opinion. The country was willing that it should be. Public opinion generally rules in such matters, with or without legal sanctions.

The country will never go back to industrial civil war on the railroads. It intends to operate machinery which will make such war impossible.

The Railroad Labor Board knows this and is therefore doing its utmost to preserve the government's regulative authority. The unions which have been outlawed are living in the past. They forgot that they could not repudiate regulation and still claim its benefits.

If the board's judgment was welcome when it marked wages up, it is presumptively just as good when it marks them down. The strikers are poor sportsmen.

Doomed Demagogues
That statistics may eventually sound the deathknell of demagogues is the optimistic opinion of the statistician of one of the big New York banks.

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It would not be surprising if Walter Hagen, whose reception was only short of that accorded to Admiral Dewey on his return, expanded his chest a trifle as he set foot on his native shores.

victims of the demagogues must have intelligence to understand and apply them. Some task!
That all these conditions will be fulfilled in the present world is unlikely. Even if they should be, it is doubtful whether they would spell the end of demagoguery.

For a National Settlement
The deadlock reached almost at once between the operators and miners at the coal conference merely exposes the deadlock already existing before the President acted.

There are indications that the Administration favors a nationwide settlement. To President Lewis this is doubtless gratifying, although the contemplated plan is evidently wider in scope than his conception.

Such a method of procedure does not preclude due regard to local and district conditions. Such differences can be taken into account. It may be assumed they will be.

Operators and miners are naturally inclined to look upon the strike solely from the point of view of their immediate selfish interests. But the government must consider the rights of the neglected public.

A School of Foreign Affairs
The second session of the Institute of Politics will open at Williamsstown on July 27. Students, professors, journalists and business men interested in foreign affairs will once more assemble from all parts of the Union to learn from Europeans and Americans well versed in international questions.

Although there will be no Lord Bryce this year as dean of lecturers, there will be others whose knowledge of their particular problems is great.

The success of the institute last year and the large demands for membership for the coming session show that the interest in foreign affairs has been growing extensively in the United States.

Modesty Under Difficulties
Champion prizefighters and baseball stars are feasted and praised and made much of, but these sports are mainly left to professionals.

But, with few exceptions, they yearn eagerly to play the game of golf as well as the golf professional plays it, and many of them hope to do so some time before they die.

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ings equal to or eclipsing his fame in their own. They were men of affairs and men of fortune and men of high political preferment. And every one of them would have been glad to carry his clubs to his taxi or to caddy for him on the exhibition round he was to play the following day.

That Mr. Hagen bore himself with genuine modesty during this remarkable reception is greatly to his credit. It may be said of most of the professional golf champions that they have behaved with equal freedom from vanity.

Steinmetz
By the nomination of Charles Steinmetz, chief consulting engineer of the General Electric Company, as their party candidate for state engineer and surveyor the Socialists expose an absurdity of politics as practiced in this country.

Here is one of the world's most distinguished electrical engineers, whose labors have not only been of great value to his company but to the world at large. He earns and receives a salary many times larger than the state pays. He offers to enter the public's service. Why is there not instant popular demand to close the bargain?

Our people have had some experience in the difficult art of self-government. But we are only half educated. We don't see the simple truth that when a technician is to be hired the only question pertinent is whether he is the best technician in sight.

And if the Steinmetz nomination shows the absurdity of the major parties, it equally shows the absurdity of the Socialists. Steinmetz is not a tool, to be possessed, but a directing and managing brain.

More Truth Than Poetry
By James J. Montague
One Hundred and Forty-Six Years Old
He doesn't go round with a chip on his shoulder, Hunting excuses to fight any more;

He's getting a little bit wiser— and older— Fond of his comfort, and weary of war. He isn't as boastful—he isn't so breezy,

Key's Bad Ballad
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The Tower

WHY, no, you never were a prude, If I remember you, my dear; Your name was—was it Ermyntude? So charming of you to be here.

Those bent ribs! How you must have laced! You should, I think, have brought your shroud.

Some drapery might hide the truth In tender woman's lovely way. These—bones—seem rather bare, in sooth; Indeed, are quite too décolleté.

Strong are the bonds of human habit. After every bath we continue to go through the motions of drying ourself with a towel.

And speaking of gutters and such, what has become of the old-fashioned, common or roof variety of lightning rod? There once was a time—and we aren't so darned old at that—when every respectable edifice in our town had at least three placed at strategic positions on the roof.

The Kaiser announces that, come what will, he won't return to Germany. Such ruthlessness!

"Oh, a Capital Ship for an Ocean Trip"
Fear of the Australia's 12-inch guns kept the German Pacific fleet from launching any attack on Australian ports during the World War, according to experts.—The Tribune.

When you read the estimates placed by employers and employees, respectively, on the number of workers who have walked out on strike, you can't help wondering how they're ever going to be able to agree on anything.

INVENTORY
Shall I rehearse the gifts the angels brought you; The eyes that rival mists of limpid gray;

The Willimantic Y. M. C. A. has allowed persons belonging to other than evangelical churches to have a voice in its affairs. Because of this it will not be permitted to vote at the next convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Bryan, we think, has overlooked the most potent argument against evolution. He should point out what humanity has done to the gospel of Christ in the last 2,000 years.



Philippine One-Sidedness
From "The Manila Times"

The table prepared by Mr. Ben F. Wright, showing the real balance of trade for the islands since 1904, and the editorial accompanying it, printed in "The Times," have created considerable discussion.

The fact that were it not for the army and navy expenditures the balance of trade would have been only some 365,000,000 pesos against the islands, however, shows that relatively little outside capital has been invested here since 1904.

When we look back through the records and note that in Spanish times, during the period between 1855 and 1895, there were only six years in which the balance of trade (customs figures) was against the islands, we realize that the economic development was proceeding very regularly.

America has concentrated its attention on political and educational development in the Philippines, and has given comparatively little attention to economic development.

We express no disapproval of political and educational development. We wish to emphasize, however, that the economic development of the islands should not have been slighted.

How often does one see an editorial on such subjects in the newspapers? How often is a speech made in the Legislature on any of them?

There isn't enough money in the Treasury to pay the salaries of the experts on the theory of government who occupy places in the legislative and executive branches of the government.

worth of Philippine bonds soon to be offered. The Philippine government must have that money—or go bankrupt; soon!

There can be no doubt about it that intransigent agitation for independence at the time we are trying to get the money will seriously interfere with our getting it.

The Filipines have the same rights and privileges (and a few more) that Americans here have. They are no more an "oppressed" or "subject" people, than American citizens in Oregon or Illinois.

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closed to Americans. They make their own laws and control public lands and natural resources. The Philippines were never less subject to "foreign domination" than now. They are practically and actually as "independent" as any territory that has since become a state in the Union.

"We prefer to be independent, though poor, than to be rich but under foreign domination!"

What Readers Say
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The power of the press is great, and that The Tribune should lend its influence to destroy a growing faith in the safety of life and property in Mexico is pitiable as well as censurable.